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We claim:

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1. A method for creating a place in collaboration space, comprising the steps of:

creating a first place; and

saving said first place as a place type template from which other places may be created in said collaboration space.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

responsive to a user selecting a create a collaboration space place action from a browser user interface, displaying a list of custom place types;

receiving from said user a name of a custom place type

6 from said list, together with a name for a new place,
7 user name and password; and

8 responsive to verification of said user as authorized
9 by user name and password, creating a new place from
10 said custom place type.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2 organizing said collaboration space according to an
3 object model selectively including place, room, folder,
4 page, member, form, field, place type, room type, skin,
5 and placebot objects.

1 4. The method of claim 3, said place type being
2 implemented as a directory within said room type.

1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
2 manipulating functionality provided by said place type
3 template to customize said collaboration space by
4 integrating external technology.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

granting authority to an authorized user to access said place type and create a new place from said place type; and

responsive to a request from said authorized user, modifying said new place.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

2 responsive to creation of said place type template from

3 said first place, using said place type template as a

4 custom place type for creating said other places having

5 the format, look and feel of said first place.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:
2 including membership, forms, placebots and skins
3 defining a collaboration space place within said place
4 type.

1 9. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
 2 responsive to a user what's new request, displaying at
 3 said browser changes made to said place type.

1 10. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
 2 updating said other place created using said place type
 3 when said place type is modified.

1 11. A method for creating a place in collaboration space,
 2 comprising the steps of:
 3 creating a first place;
 4 saving said first place as a place type template from
 5 which other places may be created in said collaboration
 6 space; and

7 responsive to place manager selection:

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a first place;

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a place type template created from said first place

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creating other places within said collaboration space.

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13. The system of claim 12, said collaboration space being

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organized according to an object model selectively including

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place, room, folder, page, member, form, field, place type,

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room type, skin, and placebot objects.

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14. The system of claim 12, further comprising:

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a browser for manipulating functionality provided by

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said place type template.

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15. The system of claim 13, further comprising:

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a browser for manipulating functionality provided by

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said place type template to customize said

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collaboration space by integrating external technology.

1 16. The system of claim 13, said place type template being
2 a directory containing all rooms comprising said place type
3 template.

1 17. The system of claim 16, said place type template
2 including membership, forms, placebots and skins.

1 18. A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
3 machine to perform method steps for creating a place in
4 collaboration space, said method steps comprising:

5 creating a first place; and

6 saving said first place as a place type template from
7 which other places may be created in said collaboration
8 space.

1 19. The program storage device of claim 18, said method
2 steps further comprising:

3 responsive to a user selecting a create a collaboration

4 space place action from a browser user interface,
5 displaying a list of custom place types;
6 receiving from said user a name of a custom place type
7 from said list, together with a name for a new place,
8 user name and password; and
9 responsive to verification of said user as authorized
10 by user name and password, creating a new place from
11 said custom place type.

1 20. A computer program product or computer program element
2 for creating a place in collaboration space by creating a
3 first place; and saving said first place as a place type
4 template from which other places may be created in said
5 collaboration space.